

## TWO NEW SENATORS FROM NEW MEXICO NATIVES OF MISSOURI AND KENTUCKY

The following biographies of the two new Senators from New Mexico are taken from the Albuquerque Journal:

A Missourian by birth and a lawyer by profession, Thomas B. Catron who is to represent the new state as one of its first United States senators was born October 6, 1840, at Warrensburg, Mo., and came of solid Missouri stock. His father was John Catron, since dead, and his mother, before her marriage had been Mary Fletcher. Of the same family had sprung John Catron, associate justice of the United States supreme court.

Mr. Catron himself is a widower, and has four children. Mrs. Catron died several years ago. His children, all sons, are John W. Catron, Charles C. Catron, Thomas R. Catron, Jr., and Fletcher Catron.

Mr. Catron received his early education in the public schools of Lafayette county, and in 1856 went to the Masonic college at Lexington, Mo., where he remained as a student until 1859. In 1859 he entered the University of Missouri and graduated from that institution on July 4, 1860. At that time he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from that university. Seven years later he was accorded the degree of Master of Arts. He never attended any law school, but gained his legal education through study carried on by himself, and in reading standard law books.

Shortly after he had received his bachelor's degree the Civil war broke out, and with many of his fellows he entered the Confederate forces. His first service was in a light artillery company, and so well did he serve that he was shortly afterward promoted to a lieutenant. In this arm of the service he remained until the end of the war, winning promotion and a battery commandment two years before its close. The battery of which he had charge was the Third Missouri Light Battery of the Confederate service.

In 1865, on May 12, he surrendered his command and was released. This surrender took place at Meridian, Miss. Immediately after the surrender he returned to Missouri and took up the study of law, the profession for which he had been trying to fit himself. He came to New Mexico July 27, 1866, settling at Santa Fe. He entered the practice of law shortly after his arrival in New Mexico and was soon appointed by the governor as district attorney of the third judicial district, which was then composed of Dona Ana county. It was at this time that he went to La Mesilla to live.

In Dona Ana county he was admitted to the bar in June, 1867, and at the end of a year's residence was elected to the house of representatives of the territorial legislative assembly. In this capacity he served for the years 1868 and 1869.

At the close of the session of the last named year, Mr. Catron was selected as attorney general of the territory and appointed to that position by the governor. He took up his residence at Santa Fe where he since has made his home. He held this office for three years and a half, resigning to accept the appointment of President Grant as United States attorney for New Mexico.

Mr. Catron officiated as federal attorney for the territory for six years and a few months, winning fame for himself by his ability while occupying a most difficult office. During the administration of President Hayes he resigned this office for personal reasons.

By this time his private law practice had grown immensely, and with his other personal interests he was thoroughly occupied. It was shortly after his resignation of this office that he married, and from that time forth for a number of years held territorial office except that of member of the legislative assembly. To this body he was elected several times, serving in all five terms in the different houses.

He was elected a delegate to the fifty-fourth congress.

At the time of the constitutional convention Mr. Catron was elected as one of the hundred delegates who framed New Mexico's organic law, and took an active part in the construction of the fundamental document under which New Mexico was admitted to share the blessings of membership in the sisterhood of states.

At no time did he give up his law practice, but in more recent years as it grew, has taken his son, Charles C. Catron, into partnership with him. In 1896 Mr. Catron was chosen president of the Territorial Bar association creditably filling that post.

Judge Albert B. Fall, who, with Thomas B. Catron, is to enjoy the honor of representing New Mexico as one of its first United States senators, was born at Frankfort, Ky., in the year 1861, just at the opening of the great Civil War. At that time the stirring spirit of the time was everywhere rife in Kentucky and the boy Fall became infected with it. Some of his earliest memories deal with war-time scenes in the strife-torn state, and the strenuousness of the times so took hold of him that ever since, he has entered into every

activity with which he desired to be connected in a manner just as strenuous, just as absorbed and with just as high feeling for his side of the issue as would be expected from a boy reared among the grim scenes of a civil strife.

His father was William R. Fall and his mother, Edmonia Taylor, both of them representing old families of the southland.

Education in those days was far from what it is now, and the war and attendant days of reconstruction in the south had made it even more difficult to acquire because the people were all so busy getting the wheels of industry started after the struggle and repairing the damage done by it, that they had small time for the finer side of life. Because of this and other circumstances, young Albert had to be content with attendance at the public schools of Nashville, whither his parents had removed for parts of two terms, and with some further instruction at the hands of his father, and in private schools in Springfield, Tenn., and in Pembroke, Ky. Two terms during which he attended them aggregated only about twelve months in all. This was all the education he ever received from others.

As his age approached that of maturity he began to see more and more that there was a greater opportunity for a young man in a new country, where the obstacles to be overcome were constructive ones as compared to the reparative ones then to be encountered in the south, and where effort might go toward making something new instead of repairing something old which had been damaged by the war. Accordingly, he emigrated to the west and after spending several years in Mexico and Texas, he came to the new and undeveloped country of New Mexico.

On his arrival he took up his residence in Kingston, Sierra county, and remained there for a time, later going to Las Cruces, in Dona Ana county. In Las Cruces he remained for the time up to 1904, when he removed to his present home at Salinas, or Three Rivers.

While living in Las Cruces, Mr. Fall, not then appointed to the bench, was much interested in mining, lumbering and railroad development in the southwest. Even before his coming, for two years he was interested in mining in Zacatecas, Mex., and after he had come to Sierra county he continued his interest in that industry until 1889. He began to practice law in Las Cruces in 1889, having completed enough of his education to permit him to pass the bar examination, and having gained beside his legal knowledge a considerable fund of general education.

Judge Fall has been associated with some of the most famous attorneys of the New Mexico bar in partnerships and in the defense of legal issues. The first year he entered practice he became a member of the firm of Fall & Young at Las Cruces. Ten years later he was a partner in the firm of Fall & Long in the same city. In 1891 and 1892 he was a member of the firm of Hawkins & Fall, of Las Cruces and Eddy (Carlsbad). In 1905 he became a member of the firm of Fall & Hampton, of Clifton, Ariz., and from 1900 to 1904, he was a member of the El Paso firm of Clark, Fall, Hawkins & Franklin.

He was one of the organizers of the Sierra Madre Land & Lumber Co., of Madera, Mex., when that company was organized for the late Colonel W. C. Greene, and was connected with the organization of various mining companies in Mexico, mostly in the states of Chihuahua and Sonora. This was in the years between 1904 and 1910.

One of the largest organization feats was that of the Rio Grande, Sierra Madre & Pacific railroad, of which he was made a vice president and general counsel. He also had a prominent part in the organization of the Sierra Madre & Pacific railroad, of which he was made president and general counsel. All these companies were to operate in Mexico.

As the organization of certain of these companies was not completed until after the breaking down of the health of W. C. Greene, for whom they had largely been undertaken, he sold out his interests in them, and turned again to the railroad and mining industries. He sold his interests to the syndicate formed by Dr. P. S. Pearson. In seven years the company with which Judge Fall was connected at its organization was worth an aggregate capital of \$75,000,000.

Judge Fall is not now an officer of any corporation.

He is solely interested in his ranch at Three Rivers, or as the softer Spanish tongue put it, Tres Ritos, and there he has gone in for farming on a large scale. He owns extensive ranch and farming interests at that point, is the owner of the Three Rivers railroad station on the El Paso & Northern and is now farming more than a thousand acres at this point. That is, there is more than a thousand acres under cultivation at the present time for this season. He is raising fine sheep and hogs, with, of course, some fine horses, for no Kentuckian ever quite gets over the love of horseflesh which comes from being born in the Bluegrass country. Judge Fall is also running large

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The political and public office record of Judge Fall reads like a fairy tale. It opened with his election to the lower house of the territorial assembly in 1890, for a two-year term. The year following the expiration of this term he was selected as a member of the upper house. His term here ended in 1893, yet in 1896 he was back again for another two years, and in 1902 accepted a third term in the territorial senate, or four terms in all as a law-maker for New Mexico.

The year following his first term, in the upper house, or in 1893, he was appointed associate justice of the territorial supreme court, and he served in that capacity with honor to

himself and credit to the judicial position he occupied for two years, or until he again went to the territorial senate.

After two years in this capacity, he again left the legislative branch of affairs and took up the position of attorney general which he held for some time. Ten years later he was again appointed to the same office, this time by Governor Curry.

He was accorded the honor of being one of the constitutional convention of 1910, which framed the organic law under which New Mexico entered the great sisterhood of states. He was sent to the republican national convention in 1908, as delegate from New Mexico.

Judge Fall is a member of the Manhattan club of New York city, of the Camp Fire club of America, with headquarters also in the metropolis, of the foreign club of Chihuahua, and of the Talcott club of El Paso.

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